GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3932
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2001
FOREIGN VISITS BY A.D.G. ASI
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Additional Director General, ASI, has made many foreign visits during the last three years;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on such foreign visits;

(c) whether the ADG, ASI, has submitted the reports pertaining to his each foreign visit and particularly for his visits to Switzerland in connection with matters relating to antiquities;

(d) if so, the outcome of his visits; and

(e) the reasons for choosing him by the ASI to visit Switzerland in connection with matters relating to antiquities in place of Director for antiquity ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) : The information is given in the enclosed annexure.

(e) : The decision to depute the ADG, ASI was made by the competent authority.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3932 T REPLIED ON 22.03.2001

SL.NO.	COUNTRY VISITED	YEAR	EXPENDITURE INCURRED (in Rs.)	PURPOSE OF THE VISITS	OUTCOME	WHETHER REPORT SUBMITTED
1.	France	1998	83,787/- ++	To attend UNESCO meeting to discuss a draft Convention for protection of Under Water Cultural Heritage.	The deliberations were inconclusive.	Yes.
2.	Switzerland	1999	2,04,046/- ++	In connection with an on-going court case in the Canton Court of Geneva regarding antiquities.	The case is subjudice.	Yes.
3.	Singapore	1999	Paid by organiser	To attend an exposition of Lord Buddha`s sacred relics from Mulaganda Kuti Vihara, Sarnath in Singapore.	Generation of goodwill.	Yes.
4.	China	2000	84,003/- ++	As part of the Government of India delegation to sign the India-China Cultural Exchange Programme.	To generate cooperation and goodwill.	Yes.
5.	France	2000	1,57,868/- ++	To attend UNESCO meeting to discuss a draft Convention for the protection of Under Water Cultural Heritage.	The deliberations were inconclusive.	Yes.

++ As per the information supplied by the concerned Indian Mission/Embassy.